

Let us give special consideration on that day to those who have died in our Nation's wars and those who have been disabled. Let this be a day of remembrance for those veterans who are in our hospitals, a day on which our appreciation is expressed tangibly by our visits and our attention.

Further, let this be a day on which all Americans take special cognizance of the needs of those young veterans who are currently readjusting to civilian life; let us give them personal help and encouragement.

I direct the appropriate officials of Government to arrange for the display of the flag of the United States on this day. I request officials of Federal, State and local governments to support its observance and I urge schools, churches, unions, civic and patriotic organizations to participate in appropriate public ceremonies throughout the Nation.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this fifth day of October, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred seventy-three, and of the Independence of the United States of America the one hundred ninety-eighth.



PROCLAMATION 4250

National School Lunch Week, 1973

By the President of the United States of America

October 12, 1973

A Proclamation

The National School Lunch Program—now in its twenty-seventh year—works to ensure nutritious and well-balanced meals to young people in our country. Since its inception, the National School Lunch Program, in close partnership with State and local communities, has provided food, funds, and technical assistance in a comprehensive program of child nutrition.

Today, more than 25 million youngsters participate in the program daily. In recent years, a determined and consistent effort has been made to extend the program's benefits to schools that do not have lunch or other food programs for their students.

Because of the special need for good nutrition among high school students and the challenge of achieving their full participation in the program, innovative efforts to make the program more relevant to the needs and experience of today's high school students are now under way.

76 Stat. 779.
36 USC 168.

By a joint resolution approved on October 9, 1962, the Congress designated the week beginning on the second Sunday of October in each year as National School Lunch Week, and requested the President to issue annually a proclamation calling for observance of that week.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, RICHARD NIXON, President of the United States of America, do hereby urge the people of the United States to observe the week of October 14, 1973, as National School Lunch Week and to give special and deserved recognition to the role of good nutrition in building a strong America through strong American youth.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this twelfth day of October, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred seventy-three, and of the Independence of the United States of America the one hundred ninety-eighth.



PROCLAMATION 4251

Drug Abuse Prevention Week, 1973

October 17, 1973

By the President of the United States of America

A Proclamation

No problem faced by America is more insidious than the problem of drug abuse. It strikes at the heart of our national well-being, destroying lives, breeding crime, dividing families, and shredding the fabric of mutual trust and concern which is the hallmark of a decent society.

In the past four years, I have given the highest priority to the work of eliminating this danger to our Nation. That effort is now bearing fruit.

Improved law enforcement is reducing illicit narcotics supplies. International cooperation has increased the number of seizures of heroin, opium, and other narcotics. Arrests of drug traffickers and pushers are rising, while drug-related crimes in our major cities have begun to decline. Increased resources for the rehabilitation of addicts have resulted in a decrease in narcotics-related deaths. New treatment facilities are providing for addicts an avenue of escape from the tyranny of drugs.

These indices of progress are heartening, for they demonstrate that we can eliminate drug abuse as America's public enemy number one and that we are on the way to meeting that objective.